IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Rastinejad et al.

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TITLE:

Methods and Compositions for

Restoring Conformational Stability of a

Protein of the p53 Family

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Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

Prior to examination herein, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment.

In the Specification

As the first paragraph of the text, immediately below the "Title of the Invention" please insert the following:

-- The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/443,542 filed November 19, 1999, and claims priority under 35 USC section 119(e) of United States Provisional Application 60/110,542, filed December 2, 1998. The complete text and figures of the 09/443,542 application are incorporated by reference herein, as if fully set forth. --

Respectfully submitted,

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